Homework 12

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Using the stats and boot libraries in R perform a cross-validation experiment to observe the bias variance tradeoff. You'll use the auto data set from previous assignments. This dataset has 392 observations across 5 variables. We want to fit a polynomial model of various degrees using the glm function in R and then measure the cross validation error using cv.glm function.

Fit various polynomial models to compute mpg as a function of the other four variables acceleration, weight, horsepower, and displacement using glm function. For example: glm.fit=glm(mpg~poly(disp+hp+wt+acc,2), data=auto) cv.err5[2]=cv.glm(auto,glm.fit,K=5)\$delta[1]; will fit a 2nd degree polynomial function between mpg and the remaining 4 variables and perform 5 iterations of cross-validations. This result will be stored in a cv.err5 array. cv.glm returns the estimated cross validation error and its adjusted value in a variable called delta.

Please see the help on cv.glm to see more information.

Once you have fit the various polynomials from degree 1 to 8, you can plot the cross validation error function as degree=1:8 plot(degree,cv.err5,type='b')

For you assignment, please create an R-markdown document where you load the auto data set, perform the polynomial fit and then plot the resulting 5 fold cross validation curve.

Your output should show the characteristic U-shape illustrating the tradeoff between bias and variance.